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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

## Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Zone and Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, DRISCOLL FIELD, Bienville and Jackson Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Zone and to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field, Bienville and Jackson Parishes, Louisiana:

- 1. To create four (4) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Zone, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated HOSS SUBB through HOSS SUEE.
- 2. To create four (4) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated CV RA SUEE through CV RA SUHH.
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 4. To designate a unit operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.
- 5. To permit Applicant to combine downhole production from the Hosston Zone with production from the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in any well drilled on the proposed identical units for these zones in which the interests in such units are identical.
- 6. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 194-B series of Orders, and all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed additional units for the Hosston Zone.
- 7. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H series of Orders, and all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed additional units for the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A.
  - 8. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

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The Hosston Zone in the Driscoll Field, Bienville and Jackson Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 194-B, effective October 1, 1966.

The Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field, Bienville and Jackson Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H-4, effective April 5, 2005.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Louis Gilbert, Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated December 12, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set January 5, 2006, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the conference was received within ten (10) days from the date of said letter; therefore, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of each of the unit plats (which are identical to the plats attached to the preapplication notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Driscoll Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the

application fee.

Attorney for Burlington Resources Oil & Gas, L.P.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

Mr. Trey Shepherd (w/encls.) Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



